

To:FCC Commissioner

I must strongly protest the attempt by the NAB to prevent satellite broadcasters from offering local programming. I have for many years desired an "all-traffic" channel on local airwaves in southern California but even the best of these offerings does not do justice to the driving needs and requirements of the traveling public in one of the busiest driving "markets" of the nation. Satellite radio is competing with terrestrial outlets for listeners and does so on a fee basis with much market pressure to minimize commercials. One competitive limitation for satellite broadcasters is channels/frequencies on their satellites. This practically limits the number of markets they can compete in, preserving market share for terrestrial broadcasters. Additionally, it would seem in the public interest to move forward towards technologies that might be more reliable and widely received for public safety, civil defence and other key programming in this age of terrorism. This issue is not in principle, significantly different than cable/satellite TV's overrun of the terrestrial television market. I receive local TV programming on the satellite presently. If the terrestrial broadcasters cannot offer competitive programming AND make a profit, then maybe their technology or business model is beginning to outlive it's usefulness.

Please do not restrict this media as it needs to move forward. Allow the customer to decide which business/model deserves to expand based on the services provided.